

# AMA GROUP

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## AMA Group Welcomes 30 International Recruits

AMA Group recently welcomed 30 skilled migrant Panel Beaters to Australia who will be warmly received to the Group's repair centres across Victoria, Australian Capital Territory, Queensland, and South Australia.

"Global talent search is a key pillar of our talent acquisition strategy and the arrival of our newest cohort of team members is important to our business in this labour constrained industry. While this doesn't solve the problem, it is certainly a step in the right direction", says Carl Bizon, Group CEO.

The shortage of skilled trades has been a long-term and significant issue in the collision repair industry. AMA Group have invested in skilled migration, sourcing top talent globally and ramping up this strategy since the reopening of international borders to skilled migration in Australia in February 2022.

Like many Australian employers AMA Group have tackled ongoing challenges with delays in the in the Visa process. Vetassess who are the only approved skills assessment body for Panel Beaters and Spray Painters has recently advised that, "an increase in demand for these occupations along with a shortage of qualified assessors in Australia has resulted in extended processing times."

AMA Group continues to lead the industry in talent acquisition innovation by searching the globe for top talent as well as recruiting 'more than our share' of apprentices to address the industry labour shortage long-term.

Monique Hislop-Reynolds, Talent Acquisition Manager at AMA Group says, "We are delighted to welcome our newest cohort who see joining the Group as a great opportunity to build their career with Australia's largest collision repair network. All new employees who arrived this week have settled in nicely into homes that have been organised by AMA Group, ensuring a smooth and welcoming onboarding into the Group and Australia."



1. Dante Carlos 2<sup>nd</sup> from left with colleagues at Recar Brisbane Queensland. 2. Carmelo Reyes, Jean Dodin (Centre Manager) & Justice Nyamukomba at Western Truck Repairs Williamstown Victoria. 3. Amber Susi, Dennis De Jesus Torres & Jean Dodin at Western Truck Repairs. 4. Anthony Barnes (Capital S.M.A.R.T Operations Manager – Queensland) welcoming several new Team members at the airport.

As the largest collision repair network across Australia and New Zealand, AMA Group have a range of opportunities available. Visit [Careers - AMA Group \(amagroupltd.com\)](https://www.amagroupltd.com) for more information.

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